Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Blood cancers currently afflict an estimated 700,000 Americans, and more than 110,000 new cases are expected this year with approximately 300 among South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, This year, leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma will kill an estimated 60,500 people in the United States, with 185 deaths among South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these diseases through research efforts and the support for those who suffer from them; and,

Whereas, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society maintains an office to serve and support patients within South Dakota and their family members who are dealing with these diseases; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of its citizens who suffer from them; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2008 as

LEUKEMIA, LYMPHOMA, & MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, to enhance the understanding of blood related cancers and encourage participation in voluntary activities that support education programs, services to patients, and the funding of research programs to find cures.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State